

Zone Text Amendment Analysis

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Application

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Sections 7-2-131, 7-6-1012 and 7-6-1108, - Fighting Ordinance text change

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Background

With the growing support of fighting events in the media, many small businesses have wanted to host fights at their place of business. As there is concern from staff and the Police Department to keep these events safe for all that are competing and attending, staff is proposing a text change to provide guidelines for fighting events.

This ordinance would add a definition to the ordinance for a 'fighting event' that would include ultimate fighting, kick boxing, boxing, martial arts, or combative event where a fee is charged. This would not include classes at a karate school or a similar instructional setting. The fighting event would be limited to facilities with a minimum of 10,000 seats as approved by the building code. In addition, a series of requirements would be placed on the event to provide utmost safety. These requirements include keeping a doctor ringside, requiring the match to be authorized by the a sanctioning body for the sport, requiring an ambulance onsite, requiring fighters to have a physical before and after the match, requiring law enforcement officers onsite, and so on.

Recommendations/ Staff Alternatives

- Approval of the Fighting Events Text Change, subject to any issues raised at the public hearing
- Continuance, for resolution of any issues that may arise at the public hearing.
- Denial of Fighting Events Text Change

Attachments

- Proposed Ordinance